

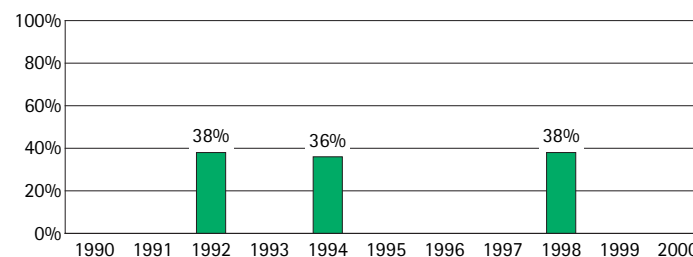
## 1. Improvement Over Time

Have New Hampshire's 4th graders improved in reading achievement?

*Not yet. Between 1992 and 1998, there was no significant change in the percentage of public school 4th graders who met the Goals Panel's performance standard in reading.*

*The Goals Panel has set its performance standard at the two highest levels of achievement – Proficient or Advanced – on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP.*

Percentage of public school 4th graders at or above Proficient on the NAEP reading assessment



Reading performance will be tested again in 2002.

## 2. State Comparisons<sup>†</sup>

How did New Hampshire compare with other states in 4th grade reading achievement in public schools in 1998?

**10 states had similar<sup>1</sup> percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:**

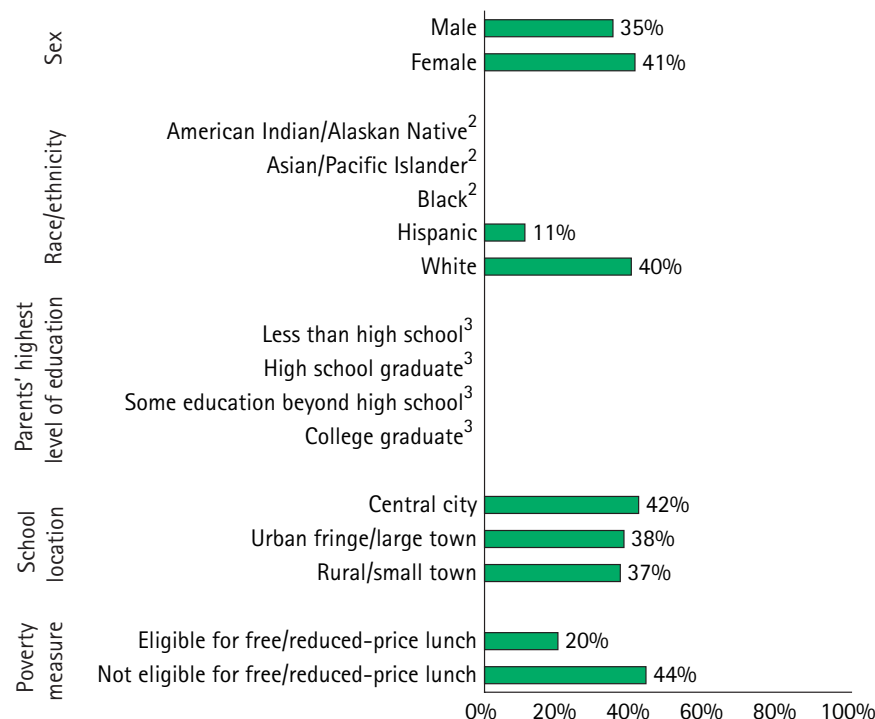
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| Connecticut            | 46%        | Iowa                        | 35% |
| <b>New Hampshire</b>   | <b>38%</b> | Colorado, Kansas, Wisconsin | 34% |
| Massachusetts, Montana | 37%        | Rhode Island                | 32% |
| Maine, Minnesota       | 36%        |                             |     |

**30 states had significantly lower<sup>1</sup> percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:**

|                                   |            |                                     |     |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-----|
| <b>U.S.*</b>                      | <b>31%</b> | Arkansas, Florida                   | 23% |
| Oklahoma, Virginia, Wyoming       | 30%        | Arizona, New Mexico, South Carolina | 22% |
| Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri,     | 29%        | Nevada                              | 21% |
| New York, Texas, Washington,      |            | California                          | 20% |
| West Virginia                     |            | Louisiana                           | 19% |
| Michigan, North Carolina, Oregon, | 28%        | Mississippi                         | 18% |
| Utah                              |            | Hawaii                              | 17% |
| Delaware, Tennessee               | 25%        | District of Columbia                | 10% |
| Alabama, Georgia                  | 24%        | Virgin Islands                      | 8%  |

## 3. Subgroup Performance

What percentages of public school 4th graders in different subgroups<sup>1</sup> in New Hampshire were at or above Proficient on the 1998 NAEP reading assessment?



<sup>†</sup> The term "state" is used to refer to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the territories.

<sup>1</sup> See explanation on pp. 2-3.

\* Figure shown for the U.S. includes both public and nonpublic school data.

<sup>1</sup> Interpret differences between subgroups with caution. See pp. 2-3 and Appendix D.

<sup>2</sup> Characteristics of the sample do not permit a reliable estimate.

<sup>3</sup> No data reported for 4th graders by parents' highest level of education in 1998.

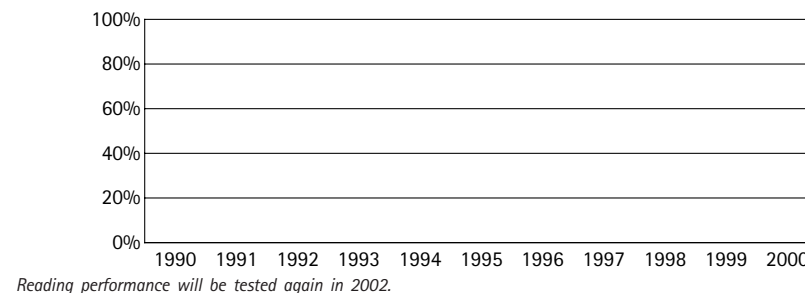
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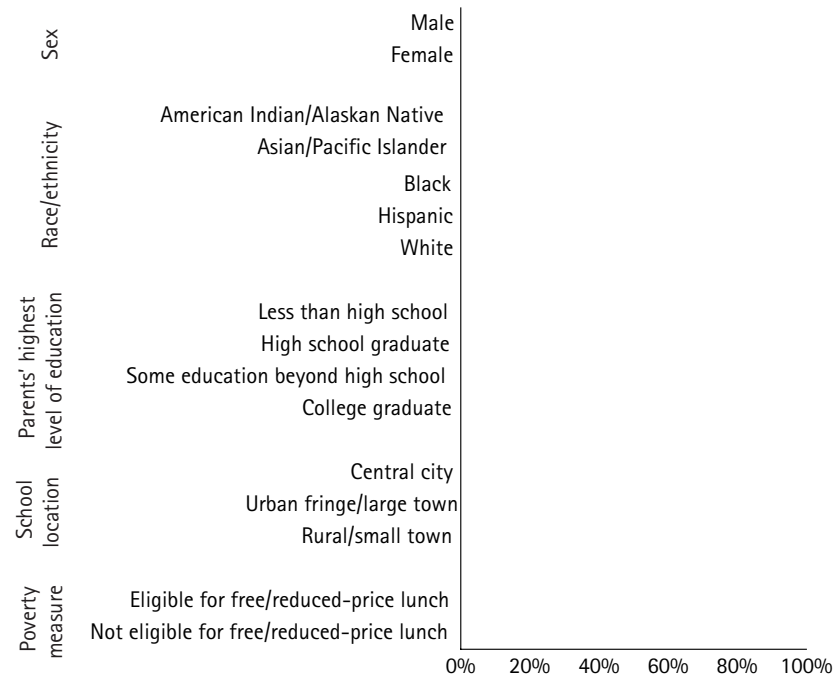
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